

(The following document is for reference purposes only. Programs are encouraged to provide this form to students so that they are aware of the information that will be required to complete the online application. For questions regarding the application, please contact Shakia Williams at Shakia.Williams@oshe.nj.gov.)

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)

2020-2021

Graduate Grant Application

Graduate Grant Application Deadlines:

2020 Fall & 2021 Spring Semester Graduate Grant Applications* = September 30, 2020

2021 Spring Only Graduate Grant Applications* = February 1, 2021

(* = Late & Incomplete Applications will not be accepted.)

9A:11-3.2 - EOF Graduate Student Eligibility:

(a) The graduate EOF program is designed to provide an opportunity for New Jersey residents whose undergraduate record reflects the potential for advanced study beyond the baccalaureate degree. Eligible students shall have economic backgrounds that reflect a history of poverty as described in N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.2(b)1 through 5.

(b) Students who received Article III EOF grants as undergraduates shall be given priority consideration for Article III graduate grants.

(c) To be initially eligible for an EOF Article III graduate student grant, a student must demonstrate that he or she:

1. Meets N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2 and 2.3, which are the Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship programs' rules governing residency, and noncitizens and resident aliens, respectively;

2. Meets the financial criteria established in N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.3, "Financial eligibility for initial Article III student grants";

3. Is or will be a full-time graduate student as defined by the institution offering the graduate program of study; and

4. Is admitted to and enrolled full-time as defined by the participating institution in a curriculum leading to a graduate degree or certificate at an institution participating in the Fund, provided that the student has not already received a graduate or professional degree at the same level of study for which he or she is applying.

Graduate degree and certificate programs must have a minimum requirement equivalent to 24 semester hours and be at least one academic year in duration.

(d) Students shall not receive assistance under the programs administered by the Board if they owe a refund on a grant or scholarship previously received from a State or Federal program through any institution or are in default on any loan made under any State or Federal student financial assistance program at any institution. However, such students may receive State financial assistance if they make satisfactory repayment arrangements with the appropriate office.

(e) Students attending out-of-State institutions are not eligible for Article III graduate grants.

(f) Students shall not receive an initial graduate grant in their last semester of enrollment.

Additional details regarding the EOF Graduate Grant program can be found within the EOF regulations:

<https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/EOF/EOFRegulations.pdf>.

INSTITUTION INFORMATION

What Institution are you attending for your current graduate degree?

(Select from drop down menu option)

Rutgers Graduate Students Only - Please indicate which school your graduate program resides within:

(Select from drop down menu option)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please fill in the following pieces of information:

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Last Name _____

NJHESAA ID# _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Postal code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Length of NJ residency (# of years)

Length of NJ residency (# of months)

Gender

▼ Select the appropriate identification from the drop down menu

Race/Ethnicity (Select the appropriate identification)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic, of any race
- ☐ Two or more races
- ☐ Other (please specify below)
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- ☐ Do not wish to identify

Academic Background

Semester(s) of Academic Year 2020 - 2021 Attendance:

▼ Select the term(s) that the student will be enrolled within for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year.

Did the student receive EOF as an undergrad (UG)?

▼ Please indicate if the student received a New Jersey funded EOF Academic Year UG grant

If the student received a NJ funded EOF Academic Year grant as an undergraduate, please indicate the most recent school where the student received their grant from (please select only one):

▼ Please select only one option from the drop down menu

If "Other Not Listed Undergraduate Institution" is selected, please specify institution below:

Undergraduate Major for the institution selected above. (i.e. biology, chemistry, mathematics, education, etc.)

Date of Undergraduate Graduation (mm/dd/yyyy)

What degree level is the student seeking EOF Graduate Funding support for?

▼ Please select from the following: Master's or Doctorate

Did the student previously received a graduate degree?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the student previously received a graduate degree, please indicate the level of graduate degree received:

▼ Please select from the following: Master's or Doctorate

If the student previously received a graduate degree, please indicate the specific type of degree received (i.e. MS, MPH, MBA, MFA, Ph.D., M.D., J.D., Psy.D., Ed.D., etc.)

If the student previously received a graduate degree, please indicate the name of the graduate institution:

Did the student PREVIOUSLY receive an EOF GRADUATE grant?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the student has received an EOF Graduate Grant in the past, please indicate the number of payments received:

Semester of when the first EOF Graduate Grant payment was received (i.e. Fall 20XX or Spring 20xx):

What is your current graduate degree department? (i.e. Education, Psychology, etc.)

What is your current graduate degree program (i.e. Educational Leadership, Clinical Psychology, Medicine, etc.)

Please fill out the following information about your current graduate degree program:

of credits required for degree _____

Number of credits required for full-time status _____

Fall 2020 Enrollment - # of credits _____

Spring 2021 Enrollment - # of credits _____

Number of cumulative credits towards this graduate degree earned to date _____

Cumulative Graduate GPA _____

Expected date of completion/graduation (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Financial Information

Please report your total gross income in calendar year 2018 (\$) (student/spouse total income)

Please enter your calendar year 2018 income by source below. If a source doesn't apply to you please enter "0" (zero).

Earnings _____

Social Security _____

Welfare _____

Veterans Benefits _____

Disability _____

Unemployment _____

Pension _____

Other _____

Please provide information about your financial situation by putting dollar amounts in the following categories. If a category doesn't apply to you please enter "0" (zero).

Total Assets (\$) _____

Cash (\$) _____

Checking (\$) _____

Savings (\$) _____

Student Investments _____

Adjusted Student Business/Investment Farm _____

Household Size _____

Does the student owe a refund on any grant or scholarship?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is this student in default on any student loan?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the student is in default on a loan, have they provided documentation to verify that they have made formal repayment arrangements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Current Graduate Program Costs

Current Cost of Attendance for Graduate Program

Cost of Tuition Only (\$): _____

Cost of Required Fees (\$): _____

Other education expenses in the total cost of attendance (\$): _____

Total (\$): *(Note: This field will automatically total)*

Current Student Financial Aid Award Information

Student Expected Contribution (EFC) (\$): _____

Federal Stafford Subsidized/Un-Subsidized Loans (\$): _____

Other Loans (Private, NJCLASS, etc.) (\$): _____

Institutional Financial Aid (College Work Study, grants/scholarships, Graduate Assistantship, etc.) (\$): _____

Other Grants/Scholarships/Fellowships (include those from State sources or private sources like from a company or foundation) (\$): _____

Total (\$): *(Note: This field will automatically total)*

EOF Graduate Grant Request Amount

According to the information entered, your remaining financial need is \$ *(Note: This field will automatically be calculated based on the cost and award information provided)*

Please refer to these values when filling in the requested amounts of EOF Graduate funding in the question below.

EOF Graduate Grant Award Table

The minimum and maximum semester award ranges for Article III graduate grants for each sector of higher education are as follows:

State Colleges and Universities:

Semester Minimum = \$100.00; Semester Maximum = \$1,225.00

Independent Institutions:

Semester Minimum = \$100.00; Semester Maximum = \$1,500.00

Public Research Universities:

Semester Minimum = \$100.00; Semester Maximum = \$1,500.00

Biomedical and Health Sciences Schools:

Semester Minimum = \$100.00; Semester Maximum = \$2,250.00

Award levels will be determined based on unmet need. Unmet need is determined after the student's contribution and all other aid (grants, scholarships, and loans) have been applied. In no instance shall a grant award exceed the maximum allowable limit for a semester.

Please provide an estimated request of EOF Funding for academic year 2020-21.
Please refer to the EOF Graduate Grant Award Table above when considering these values.

Total EOF Fall Semester Request (\$): _____

Total EOF Spring Semester Request (\$): _____

Total (\$): _____

Remember that your total EOF Request amount can't exceed your total remaining financial need.

Please enter any final comments in the box below to support your application.

Thank you for completing the EOF Graduate Grant Application, by clicking next you will submit this information and won't be able to click back to change any information, so make sure the application is complete before clicking next. After clicking next, you will see a record of your responses that you can download and save for your information.